

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated March 27, 2006 and Advisory Action dated August 1, 2006 have been received and their contents carefully reviewed.

By this Response claim 21 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-32 are pending in the application, with claims 1-20 and 22-32 being allowed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the final Office Action, claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,707,441, issued to Hebiguchi et al. (hereafter "Hebiguchi") in view of Japanese Publication No. 2000022156, issued to Yamauchi (hereafter "Yamauchi"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection because neither Hebiguchi nor Yamauchi, analyzed alone or in any combination, teaches or suggests the combined features recited in the claims of the present application. In particular, Hebiguchi and Yamauchi fail to teach a thin film transistor "wherein the drain electrode has at least two portion having a different width in relation to one another, each of the at least two portions overlapping a gate electrode and wherein one of the at least two portions completely overlaps the gate electrode", as recited in amended independent claim 21.

Because no combination of Hebiguchi and Yamauchi, claim 21 is allowable over Hebiguchi and Yamauchi. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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